

Casualty Notification Process: Ensuring the next of kin (NOK) are notified of the casualty

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| 1 | Go to Active Duty Casualty Notification In-Theatre Process, steps 1-19 | <p>Go to Active Duty Casualty Notification In-Theatre Process: When a Soldier is a casualty while on active duty, steps 1-19.</p> <p>These steps include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Receiving In-Theatre casualty notification - Collecting casualty information - Creating Casualty Report (CR) and Serious Incident Report (SIR) - Submitting CR and SIR through appropriate channels - Requesting casualty notification team | Please see Active Duty Casualty Notification In-Theatre Process for more details. | Please see Active Duty Casualty Notification In-Theatre Process for more details. | Please see Active Duty Casualty Notification In-Theatre Process for more details. | |
| 2 | Go to Active Duty Status Casualty Notification Process, steps 1-16 | <p>Go to Active Duty Status Casualty Notification Process: When a Soldier is a casualty while on active duty status (IAW AR 600-8-1), steps 1-16.</p> <p>These steps include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Receiving active duty casualty notification - Collecting casualty information - Creating Serious Incident Report (SIR) - Submitting SIR through appropriate channels - Requesting casualty notification team | Please see Active Duty Status Casualty Notification Process for more details. | Please see Active Duty Status Casualty Notification Process for more details. | Please see Active Duty Status Casualty Notification Process for more details. | |

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| 3 | Go to Input New Casualty Mission into CMM Database Process, steps 1-8 | <p>Go to Input New Casualty Mission into CMM Database Process: To track mission output and participants within a State using the Casualty Mission Management (CMM) database, steps 1-8.</p> <p>These steps include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Accessing and logging in to the Reserve Component Management System (RCMS) website - Entering the Casualty Mission Management (CMM) application - Inputting required information about the casualty | Please see Input New Casualty Mission into CMM Database Process for more details. | Please see Input New Casualty Mission into CMM Database Process for more details. | Please see Input New Casualty Mission into CMM Database Process for more details. | |
| 4 | Go to Casualty Assistance Process, steps 1-7 | <p>Go to Casualty Assistance Process: Ensuring the next of kin (NOK) and beneficiaries receive support after a death occurs, steps 1-7.</p> <p>These steps include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identifying the Casualty Assistance Officer (CAO) - Inputting the CAO team into CMM - CAO receiving orders | Please see Casualty Assistance Process for more details. | Please see Casualty Assistance Process for more details. | Please see Casualty Assistance Process for more details. | |

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| 5 | Identify and assign CNO team | <p>State Casualty Operations Manager or designated personnel identifies a CNO team to perform the notification. A casualty notification team is composed of the CNO and Chaplain (or other clergy).</p> <p>When Chaplain is not available or locating a chaplain may unduly delay notification, the second member of the team may be a E6 or above. The purpose of the second Soldier is to provide support to the CNO.</p> | | | | <p>The CNO must meet the following qualifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A Soldier in the grade of O3 and above, CW2 and above, or Senior NCOs in the grade of E7 and above. CMAOC approves any exceptions to policy. - The grade of the CNO is equal to or higher of the casualty, whenever possible. If known that the NOK is also a Soldier or retiree from any branch of Service, the grade of the CNO is equal or higher than the grade of the NOK. <p>Designated personnel is determined by State policy.</p> <p>CAC provides the CNO team with pertinent notification guidance.</p> |
| 6 | Go to Request for Orders (RFO) and Line of Accounting (LOA) Authorization Process (Complete Map) | Go to Request for Orders (RFO) and Line of Accounting (LOA) Authorization Process: Soldiers must receive orders from their State in order to perform a new casualty mission, in addition, traditional M-Day Soldiers must receive approved LOA from ARNG, complete map. | Please see Request for Orders (RFO) and Line of Accounting (LOA) Authorization Process for more details. | Please see Request for Orders (RFO) and Line of Accounting (LOA) Authorization Process for more details. | Please see Request for Orders (RFO) and Line of Accounting (LOA) Authorization Process for more details. | |

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| 7 | Go to Input New Casualty Mission into CMM Database Process, steps 9-41 | <p>Go to Input New Casualty Mission into CMM Database Process: To track mission output and participants within a State using the Casualty Mission Management (CMM) database, steps 9-41.</p> <p>These steps include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Adding an Officer, a Chaplain, and/or a non-ARNG participant to the Casualty Mission Management (CMM) database - Assigning a participant to the mission - Adding a participant's certification date | Please see Input New Casualty Mission into CMM Database Process for more details. | Please see Input New Casualty Mission into CMM Database Process for more details. | Please see Input New Casualty Mission into CMM Database Process for more details. | |
| 8 | Notify primary next of kin (PNOK) | CNO team makes a personal notification on behalf of the Secretary of the Army and reads the Notification Script Regarding Media Coverage at Dover AFB to PNOK between 0500-2400 local hours while dressed in Class A uniform or ASU. AR 600-8-1, Chapter 5, Section 1, states how the PNOK is determined. | <p>Army Casualty Notification and Assistance Guide</p> <p>AR 600-8-1, Chapter 1, Section 4</p> <p>AR 600-8-1, Chapter 5, Section 1</p> | Notification Script Regarding Media Coverage at Dover AFB | | CNO team must notify PNOK within four hours of receiving the official casualty report receipt. |
| 9 | Collect notification documentation from PNOK | CNO team collects PNOK's signature on the Notification Script Regarding Media Coverage at Dover AFB and additional information on DA Form xxxR (Record of Casualty Notification Actions). | | <p>DA Form xxxR</p> <p>Notification Script Regarding Media Coverage at Dover AFB</p> | | <p>Additional information may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NOK's name - Social security number - Birthday - Mailing and physical address for the next 45 days |

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| 10 | Inform CAC of notification | CNO team informs CAC via telephone of the following: - The time the notification was made - The PNOK's Dover Dignified Transfer Script selection - Any unusual comments made by the PNOK | | | | |
| 11 | Need to notify secondary next of kin (SNOK)? | If a SNOK is identified, a different CNO team (if needed) contacts the SNOK after the PNOK is notified. CAC briefs the SNOK CNO team on results of PNOK notification (if necessary). | Army Casualty Notification and Assistance Guide AR 600-8-1, Chapter 1, Section 4 AR 600-8-1, Chapter 5, Section 1 | | | There may be more than one SNOK. If so, there may be more than one SNOK CNO team. |
| 12 | Notify SNOK | CNO team(s) makes a personal notification on behalf of the Secretary of the Army SNOK between 0500-2400 local hours while dressed in Class A uniform or ASU. AR 600-8-1, Chapter 5, Section 1, states how the SNOK is determined. | Army Casualty Notification and Assistance Guide AR 600-8-1, Chapter 1, Section 4 AR 600-8-1, Chapter 5, Section 1 | | | |

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| 13 | Collect notification documentation from SNOK | CNO team(s) collects additional information on DA Form xxxxR (Record of Casualty Notification Actions). | | DA Form xxxxR | | Additional information may include: - NOK's name - Social security number - Birthday - Mailing and physical address for the next 45 days |
| 14 | Inform CAC of notification | CNO team(s) informs CAC via telephone of the following: - The time the notification was made - Any unusual comments made by the PNOK | | | | |
| 15 | Brief CAO of situation | CNO team(s) briefs the CAO(s) of the NOK(s) situation. CNO team(s) identifies if there were any issues when making the notification(s). | | | | |
| 16 | Go to Casualty Assistance Process, steps 9-End | Go to Casualty Assistance Process: Ensuring the next of kin (NOK) and beneficiaries receive support after a death occurs, steps 9-End. | Please see Casualty Assistance Process for more details. | Please see Casualty Assistance Process for more details. | Please see Casualty Assistance Process for more details. | |
| 17 | Complete all pertinent documentation | CNO team(s) completes the pertinent documentation. | | DA Form xxxxR DD Form 1351-2 Notification Script Regarding Media Coverage at Dover AFB | | Pertinent documentation includes: - DA Form xxxxR (Record of Casualty Notification Actions) - DD Form 1351-2 (Travel Voucher or Subvoucher) - Notification Script Regarding Media Coverage at Dover AFB |

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| 18 | Send pertinent documentation | CNO team(s) sends all pertinent documentation to CAC via email/fax/in person. | | DA Form xxxxR DD Form 1351-2 Notification Script Regarding Media Coverage at Dover AFB | | Pertinent documentation includes: - DA Form xxxxR (Record of Casualty Notification Actions) - DD Form 1351-2 (Travel Voucher or Subvoucher) - Notification Script Regarding Media Coverage at Dover AFB |
| 19 | Receive pertinent documentation | CAC receives all pertinent documentation from CNO team(s) via email/fax/in person. | | DA Form xxxxR DD Form 1351-2 Notification Script Regarding Media Coverage at Dover AFB | | Pertinent documentation includes: - DA Form xxxxR (Record of Casualty Notification Actions) - DD Form 1351-2 (Travel Voucher or Subvoucher) - Notification Script Regarding Media Coverage at Dover AFB |